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Debate? Sure Thing, Says Jim

Plains, Ga., Aug. 12 (UPI)—Jimmy Carter said today that he would be "eager" to debate with the Republican presidential nominee if details can be worked out.

President Ford has said he would not rule out debating against the Democratic nominee, and Ronald Reagan has said he would be "delighted" to do so.

Carter said he has participated in 25 to 30 debates with differing formats during the presidential primaries, "and I think I came out fairly well with them."

Carter and his running mate, Sen. Walter Mondale, met during

the day with CIA Director George Bush for what Carter termed a "much more advanced" briefing than he had previously received on foreign policy. Carter was to meet later today with California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Even while Carter was being briefed by Bush, Carter's staff distributed a statement charging

that the Republican administration played politics with important government jobs, using the government payroll as "dumping grounds for unsuccessful candidates, faithful political partisans," and others, including Bush. Bush ran twice for a Senate seat and lost, and later was GOP National Chairman.